

Act No 351

on the Amendment of the Penal Code

In accordance with the decision of Parliament, the following section 7a is hereby added to chapter 11 of the Penal Code:

Chapter 11

On War Crimes and Offences Against Humanity

Section 7a

Violation of the prohibition of chemical weapons

Whosoever, contrary to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction,

- 1) uses a chemical weapon otherwise than in the manner referred to in sections 1 to 3 of this chapter;
- 2) develops, produces or otherwise acquires, stockpiles or retains or transfers a chemical weapon; or
- 3) engages in a military preparation to use a chemical weapon,

shall be sentenced to imprisonment for at least four months and at most six years for violation of the prohibition of chemical weapons.

This Act shall enter into force on the date stipulated by decree.

In Helsinki, 14 March 1997

President of the Republic

Minister for Foreign Affairs